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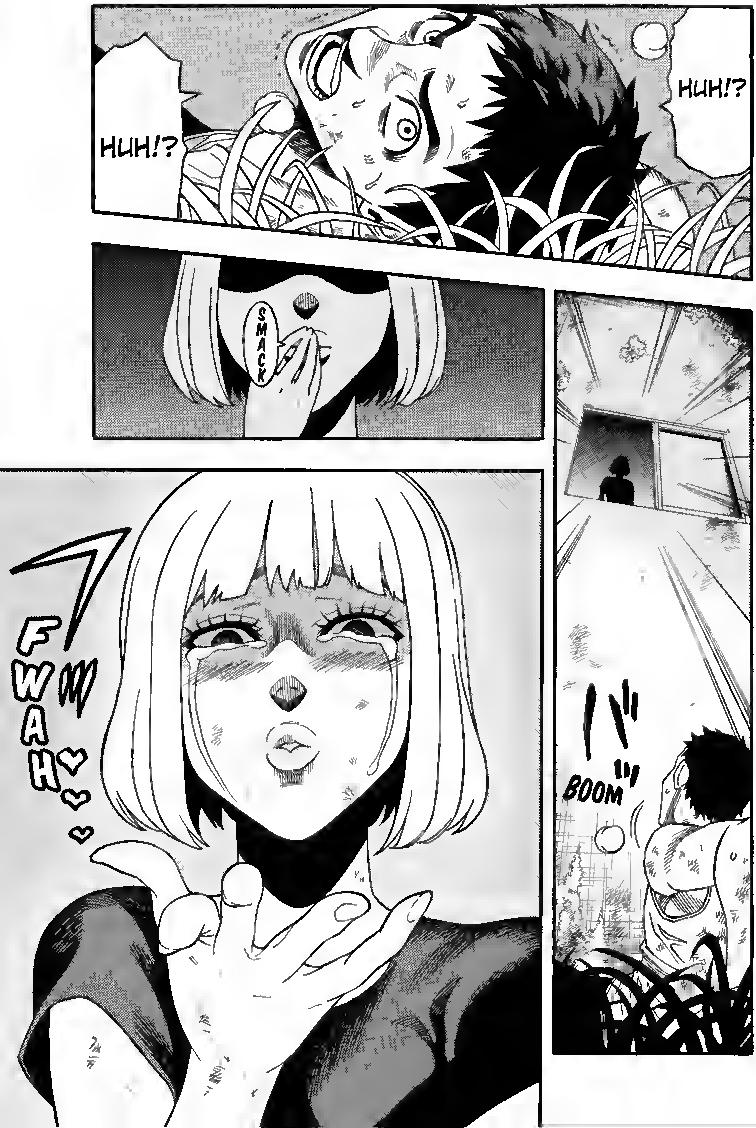
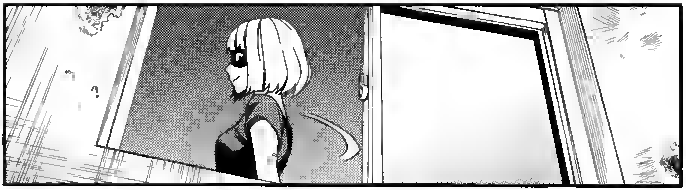
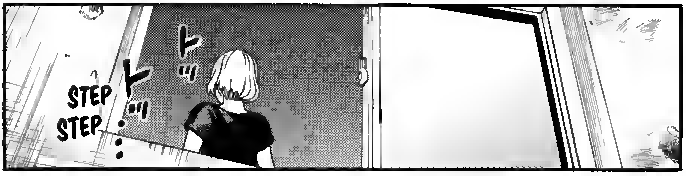
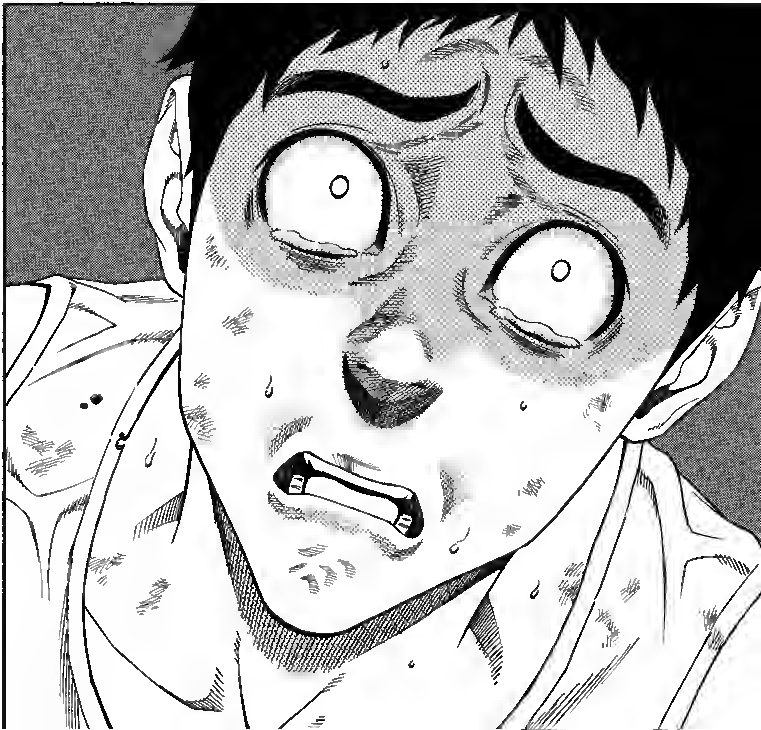
SCUFF
WH...
WHY?
AUGH!
WHAM
!
RUMBLE


HUH!?
HUH!?
SMACK
BOOM
FWAH




STEP
STEP

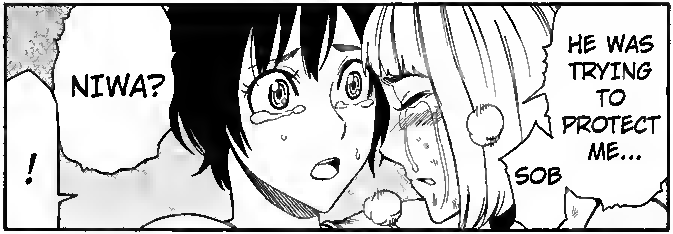


ANYONE! PLEASE HELP ME!
!
I CAN'T DIE! I'VE NEVER EVEN KISSED A GIRL!
NO!
AGH!
PLE-ASE!
I CAN'T MOVE MY LEGS!
!
IS THAT YOU, AKIRA!?

TRADE PLACES WITH ME, MAN!

YAAAAUUGH!
SPLAT
AH...
NO!
A CRY!
IT WAS OVER THERE!
DASH
!
TROT TROT
ARE YOU ALL OKAY!?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HATANO.

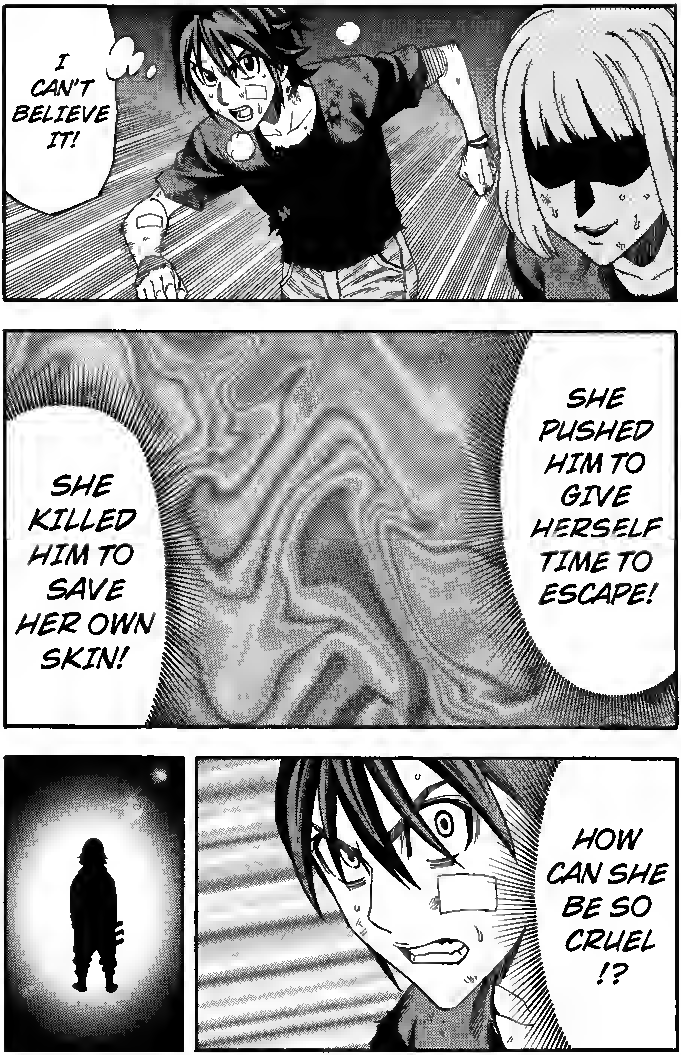
YOU'RE ALL HERE!
DASH!
THERE YOU ARE!
DASH!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE, MIU!
HUG
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH ...
BUT...

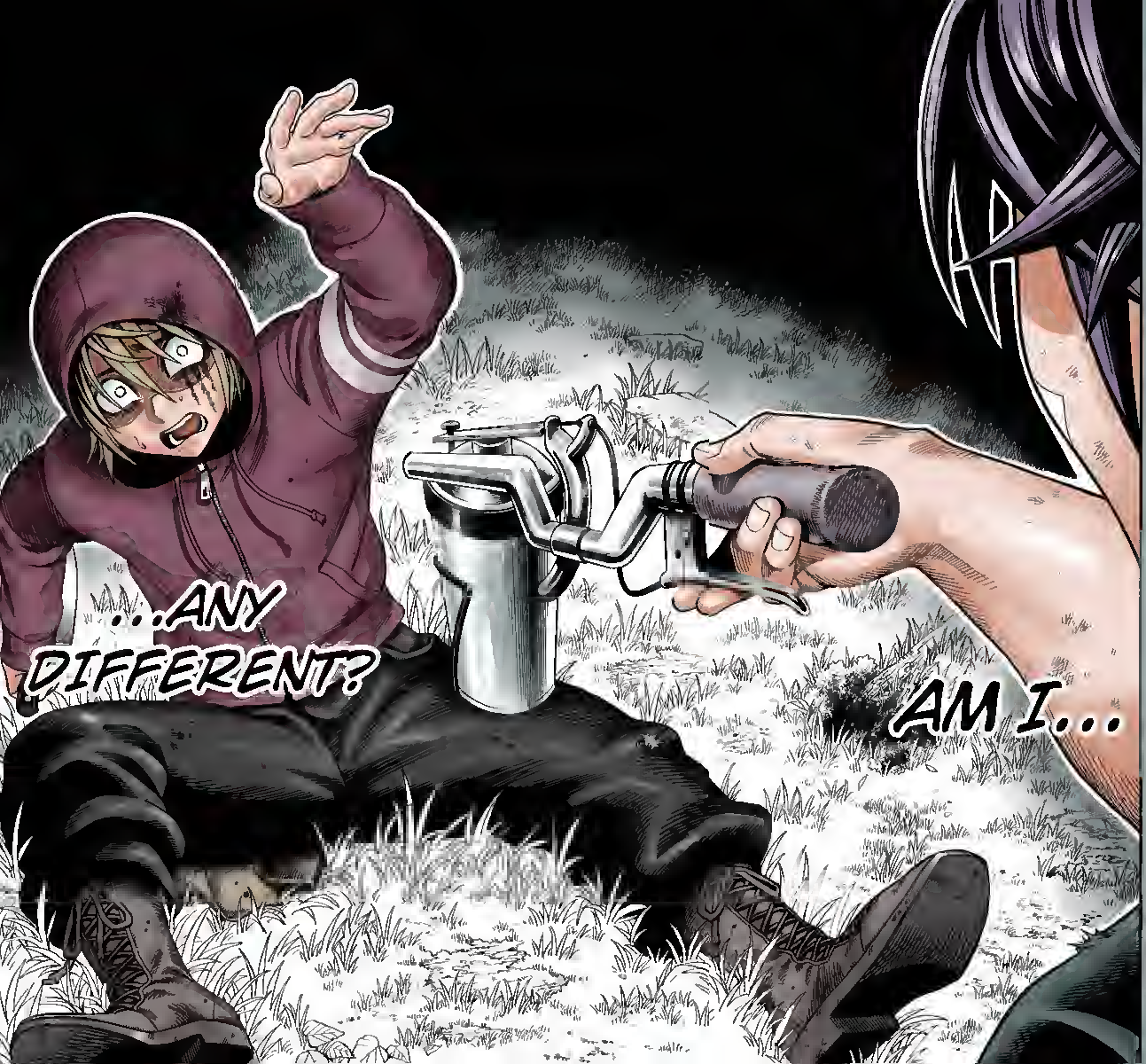

HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT ME...
SOB
NIWA?
!

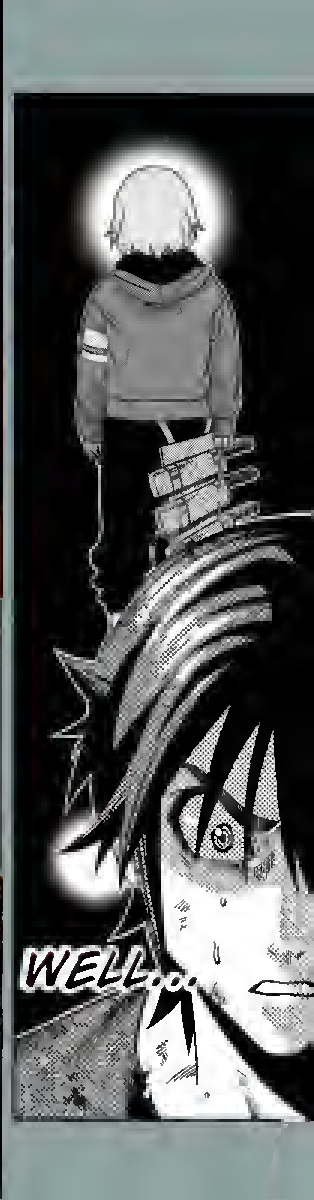
HA...
TA...
NOOO
PAT
HA
...
TA
...
PAT
PAT
PAT
NOOOOO!

...AND HE DIED!
SPLAT
PAT
PAT

WE CAN'T LET HIS DEATH BE IN VAIN!
HE BOUGHT US THIS TIME! USE IT!
DASH!
HA…
TA…
NOOOO…
HA…
TA…
NOOOO…

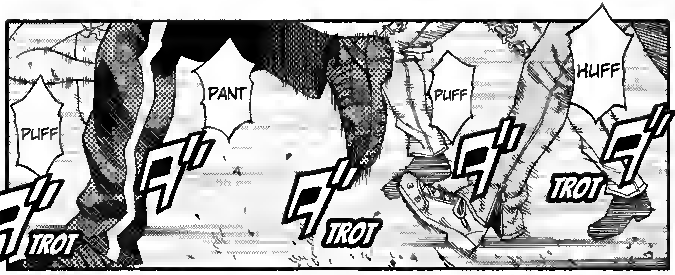

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
SHE PUSHED HIM TO GIVE HERSELF TIME TO ESCAPE!
SHE KILLED HIM TO SAVE HER OWN SKIN!
HOW CAN SHE BE SO CRUEL !?

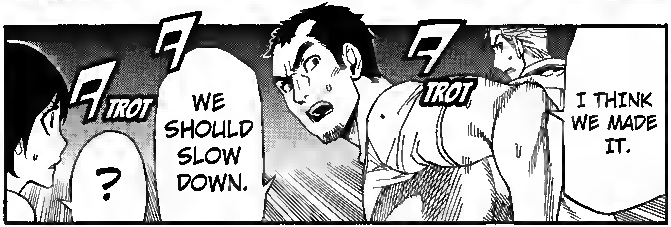

...ANY DIFFERENT?
AM I...


WELL...

TO STAY ALIVE IN THIS WORLD ...
... YOU CAN'T STAY THE SAME.

NO. WE'RE NO DIFFERENT AT ALL.





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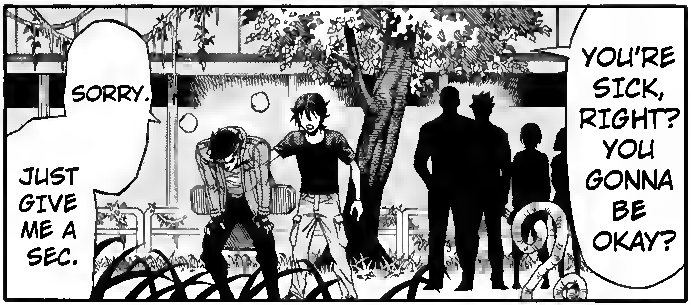

SORRY.
JUST GIVE ME A SEC.
YOU'RE SICK, RIGHT? YOU GONNA BE OKAY?

THE ONES WHO MADE THIS ARE THERE.

I HAVE TO GET USED TO THE AIR.
HUH?

YOU SAID THERE ARE WEAPONS IN AKI-HABARA.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

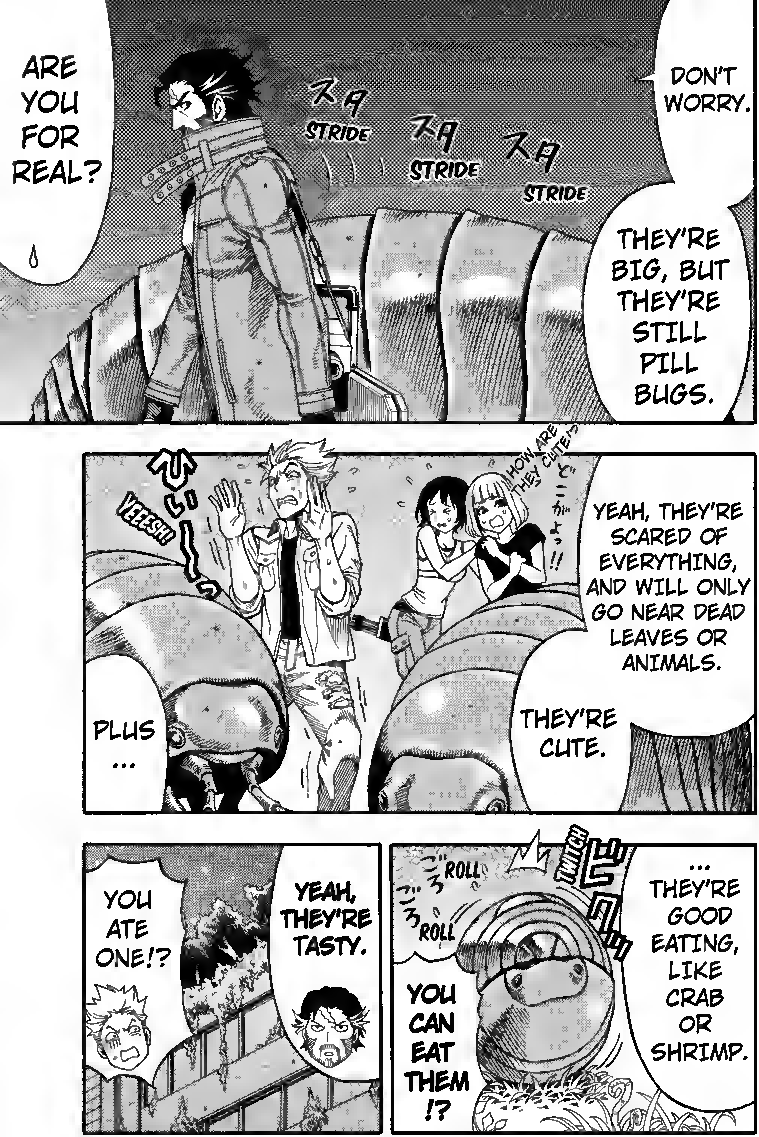
!
THERE'S AN AREA NEAR THERE WITH LOTS OF SMALL WORK-SHOPS.
THE WORKERS THERE WHO SURVIVED ...
... HAVE GATHERED IN AKIHABARA BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH STUFF THERE.
... ALL RIGHT, I'M READY.
LET'S MOVE.
OKAY!

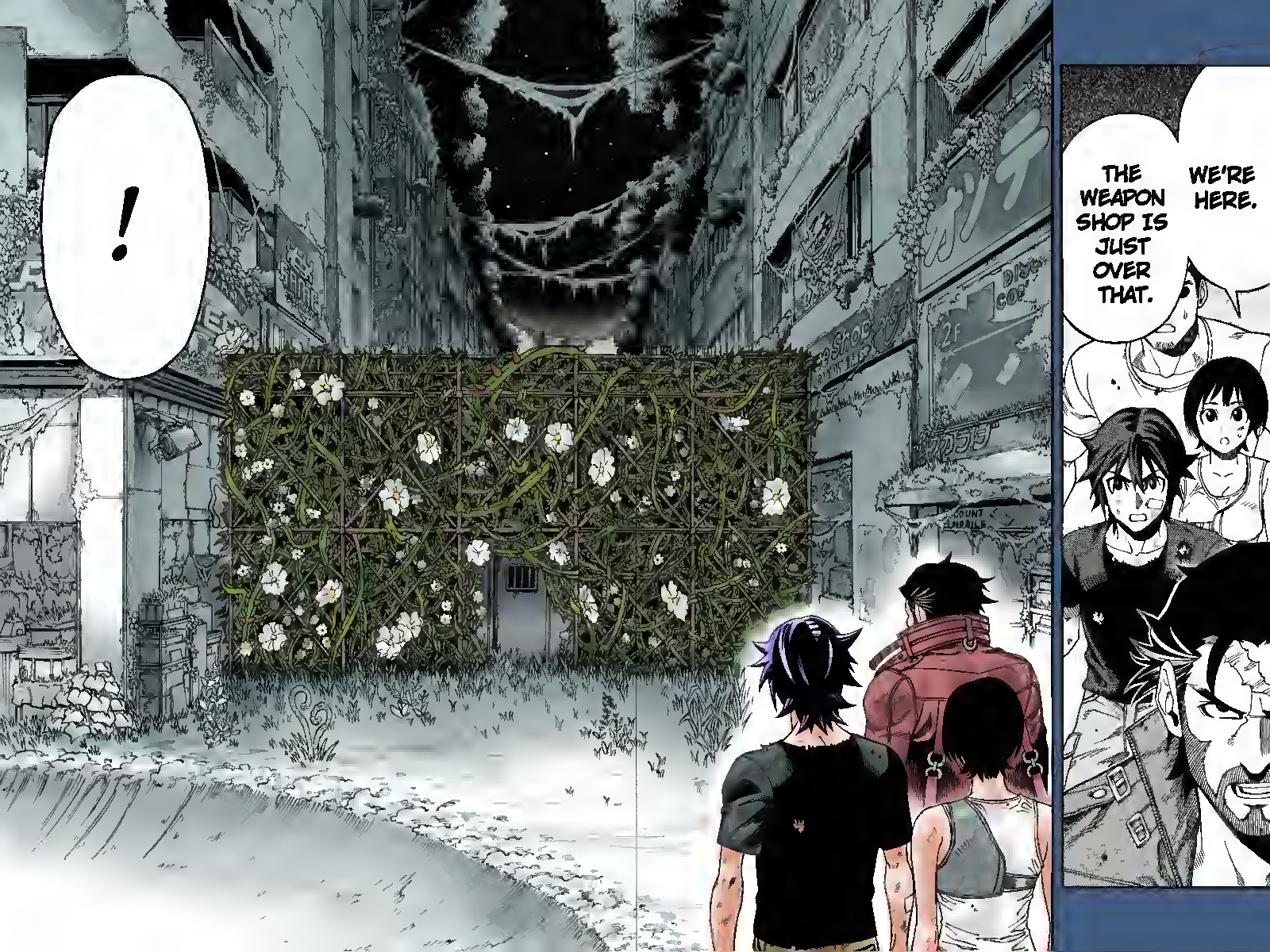
FSH
FSH
FSH
GAME CENTER
4F
HOBBY
OH, IT'S JUST A MANNE-QUIN.
DON'T FREAK ME OUT!
FSH
FSH
HM?
LOOK OUT!
!
EH?
WHAT'S SHE WEAR-ING?
A MAID'S OUTFIT?
...
OH, THAT MUST MEAN ...

...
WE'RE IN AKI-HABARA!
SMOKING

PEDESTRIAN PARADISE AHEAD
PARA-DISE, EH?
THAT'S A LAUGH.

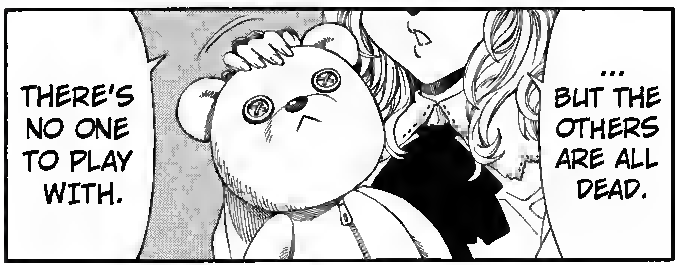
HOLD ON!
!
スタ STRIDE
スタ STRIDE
THIS WAY.
スタ STRIDE
スタ STRIDE
WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT!?
WOW, YOU'RE FAST!

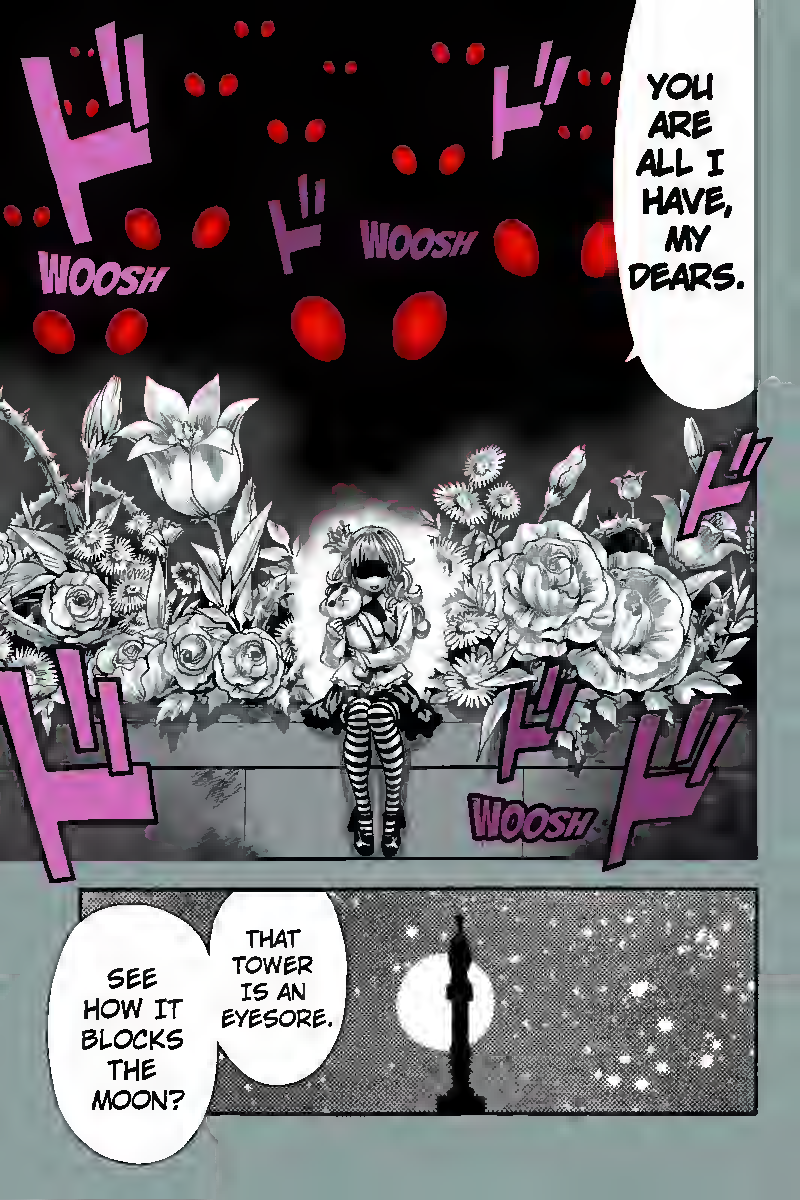

ARE YOU FOR REAL?
スタ STRIDE
スタ STRIDE
スタ STRIDE
DON'T WORRY.
THEY'RE BIG, BUT THEY'RE STILL PILL BUGS.
HOW ARE THEY CUTE!?
どこがよっ!!
YEAH, THEY'RE SCARED OF EVERYTHING, AND WILL ONLY GO NEAR DEAD LEAVES OR ANIMALS.
THEY'RE CUTE.
ひぃぃ
YEEESH
PLUS ...
ゴロ ROLL
ゴロ ROLL
ビクッ
... THEY'RE GOOD EATING, LIKE CRAB OR SHRIMP.
YOU CAN EAT THEM!?
YEAH, THEY'RE TASTY.
YOU ATE ONE!?


!
WE'RE HERE.
THE WEAPON SHOP IS JUST OVER THAT.

ALAS, I AM BORED.

MY HEALTH IS FINE ...
プラ KICK
プラ KICK
...AND I CAN BREATHE FRESH AIR...

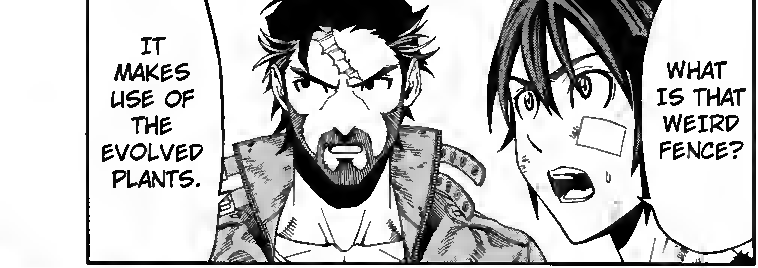

... BUT THE OTHERS ARE ALL DEAD.
THERE'S NO ONE TO PLAY WITH.

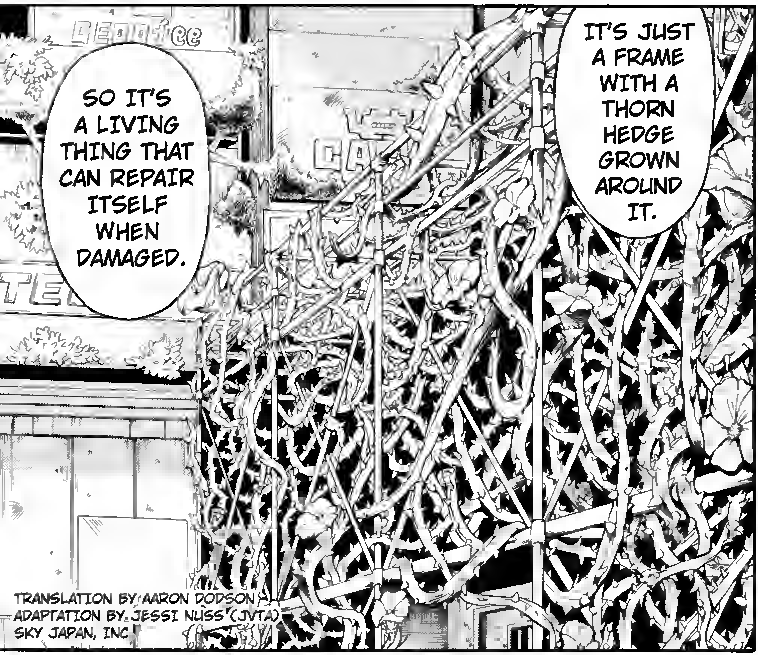

WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
YOU ARE ALL I HAVE, MY DEARS.
THAT TOWER IS AN EYESORE.
SEE HOW IT BLOCKS THE MOON?

REMOVE IT...
WHISH
ZOOF
ZOOF
ZOOF
ZOOF
... MY DAR- LINGS.
WOOSH

ZOOF
ズズン…
CRACK
ガラガラ
CRUNCH
KASHOOM
…THE MOON IS SO LOVELY TONIGHT.

I THINK I'VE FOUND ...
HEE HEE!
... SOME NEW PLAY-MATES!





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IF YOU WANT CASH, I'VE GOT PLENTY!
TAKE A LOOK!
NOW I WANT TO BUY WEA-PONS!
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.
NOT EVEN CLOSE.
HUH !?
EVEN THAT MUCH...?
FOR REAL?
HOW MUCH DO YOU ALL HAVE?

12,000.
...
ちら
14,000 HERE.
I'VE GOT 32,000 YEN.
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN SPEND IT ANY MORE!
TOILET PAPER IS HARD TO FIND!
STARE
WHAT!? IT'S NOT SO WEIRD!
UMM... I USED ALL MINE AS TOILET PAPER.
...
STRIDE
BOSS! YOU'VE GOT SOME, RIGHT !?
MONEY, NOT T.P.

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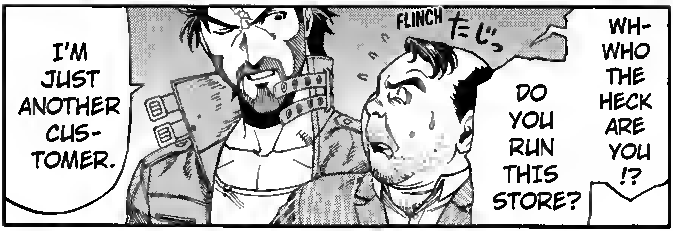
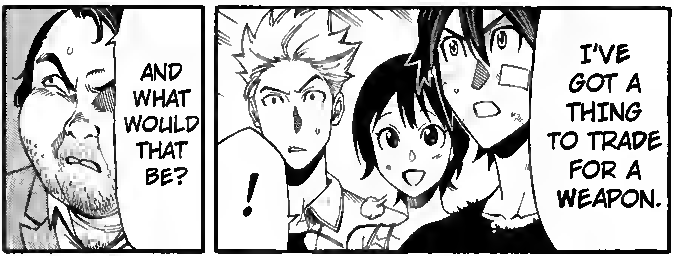
スタ
AND IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, I'LL GIVE YOU THREE TIMES THIS!
HAHA! YOU'RE A GREEDY ONE!
I'LL GIVE YOU TWICE THIS!
THAT PAPER NO LONGER HAS ANY VALUE.
ZERO TIMES ANYTHING IS STILL ZERO.
MO-VE IT.
BWAH !?
I'M A CUS-TOMER!
GRR! LET ME TALK TO YOUR MANAGER!

THE WORLD WORDS LIKE THAT WORKED ...
... DIED THREE MONTHS AGO.


WH-WHO THE HECK ARE YOU!?
FLINCH
たじっ
DO YOU RUN THIS STORE?
I'M JUST ANOTHER CUS-TOMER.


I'VE GOT A THING TO TRADE FOR A WEAPON.
!
AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

IN A WORLD WHERE MONEY, GOLD AND JEWELS HAVE NO VALUE...
...WHAT IS THE THING WE MOST DESIRE?
NO MATTER HOW RICH YOU WERE...
... YOU'VE LOST THE ONES YOU LOVE ...
... SO YOU MAY HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF DEAD.
WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR GOING ON?

THE THING WE WANT THE MOST ...
... IS A REASON TO KEEP LIVING IN THIS WORLD.

IF I ASK YOU WHY YOU NEED WEAPONS, YOU'LL SAY THIS...
...
TO PROTECT MY ASSETS.
IF I GIVE YOU A WEA-PON ...
... YOU'LL USE IT TO HURT PEOPLE OVER NOTHING.
TCH !
SO I'M AFRAID I CAN'T GIVE YOU ONE OF OUR PRECIOUS WEAPONS.
NOW ... WHO IS OUR NEXT CUS-TOMER?

WHY DO YOU NEED WEA-PONS?
IF YOU CAN GIVE US A REASON TO LIVE ...
... WE'LL GIVE YOU A FAIR TRADE ...
...A WEAPONS THAT WILL KEEP YOU ALIVE.
...
THE REASON I NEED WEAPONS IS...

... THOSE KIDS.
I WILL DEFEND THEM WITH MY OWN HANDS.
AND EACH OF THEM ...
... HAS SOME-THING TO DEFEND.
HMM ...
I HEAR THIS A LOT.
GOT A MORE SOLID REASON ?

AND I COULDN'T HAND OVER MY PERFECT LITTLE CHILDREN ...
... TO JUST ANYONE OFF THE STREET, COULD I?

MAKING A WEAPON ...
...IS AS HARD AS GIVING BIRTH TO A CHILD.
SO GIVING YOU A WEAPON ...
... IS LIKE YOU ADOPTING MY BABY.

SUCH CONFIDENCE ...
HER ACCENT ... IT'S PERFECT

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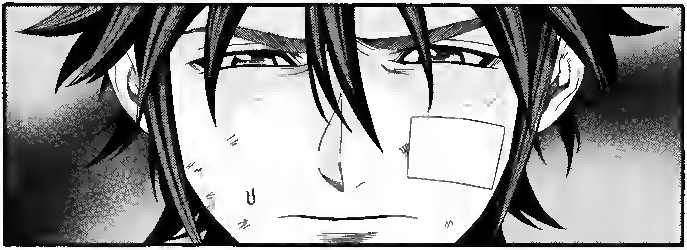

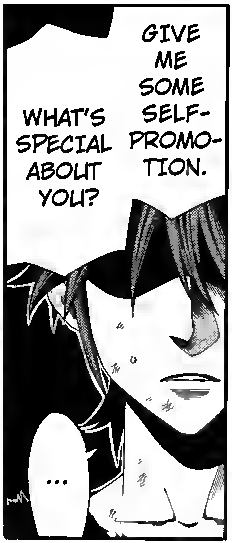

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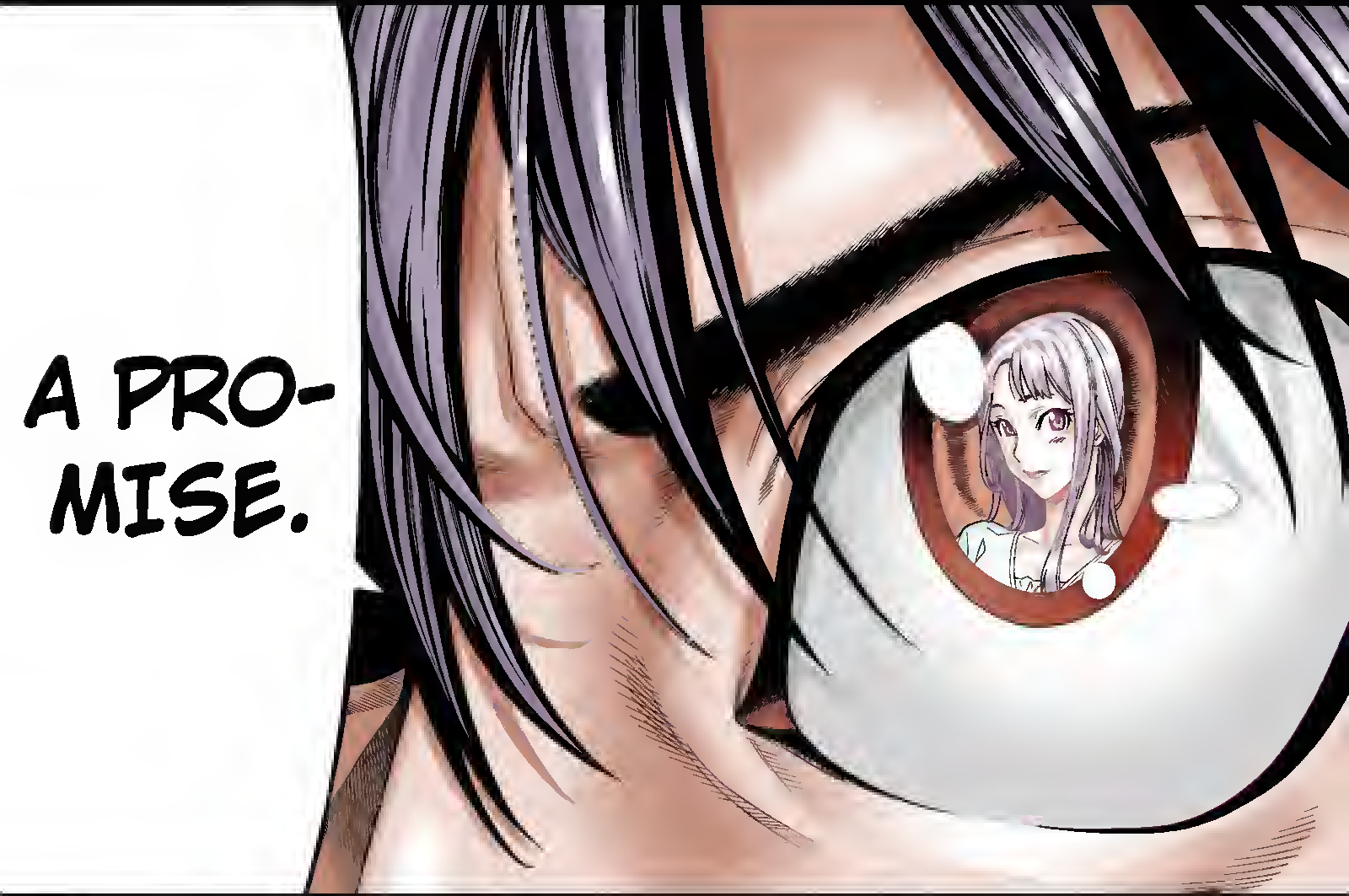
...I'VE GOT NOTHING SPECIAL.
EXCEPT FOR...
...GUILT AND REGRET.
?
ON THE WAY HERE...
HUH?
HELP ME, PLEASE!
TRADE PLACES WITH ME, MAN!
...MANY PEOPLE NEAR ME DIED.
SOME BECALISE I WAS TOO WEAK TO HELP.
I AM THE ONE WHO KILLED THEM.

I WANT TO DEFEND ...
...WHAT I COULDN'T BEFORE.
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS...
...YOU COULD HAVE SAVED THEM IF YOU HAD WEAPONS...
...OR YOU WANT TO LIVE ON FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE WHO COULDN'T?
YOU'RE TOO LATE!
!
HAVING WEA-PONS NOW...
...WON'T BRING THEM BACK FROM THE DEAD!

IF I GAVE YOU ONE OF MY BABIES...
...IT WOULD HAVE AN UNHAPPY FUTURE.
WE'RE DONE. NEXT.
W-WAIT A SEC, NOW!
SOME OF US DIED TRYING TO GET HERE!
THE-RE'S ONE MORE THING ...
...I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEFEND.
... GO ON.
WE AREN'T GOING BACK WITHOUT ...
WHOOSH
!


A PRO-
MISE.

A PROMISE?
HE HAS SOMETHING TO TELL ...
... AN OLD FRIEND OF HIS.

THAT'S ALL?
YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY...
...AND RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR THIS?

NO, THAT'S NOT ALL...
... BUT IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.

...SAYING SOMETHING TO SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT.
SUCH A STUPIDLY SIMPLE THING.
...
BUT I COULDN'T DO IT.
HA HA HA ...
... HA ...
HA HA HA HA!
YOU IDIOT!
!
SQUEAK
!
I HOPE YOU STILL HAVE TIME ...
...TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE.

WELL, COME ON IN.
#イイイイ!!
CREAK
AND WEL-COME ...
CLANK
ガチャーン
...TO KANAE'S BLADE WORKS

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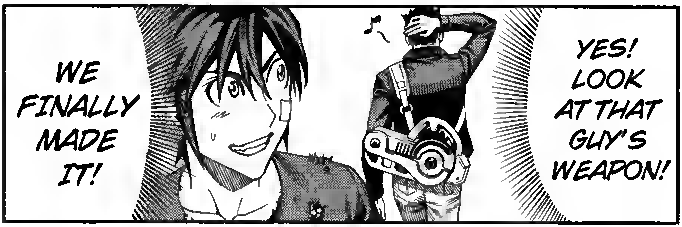
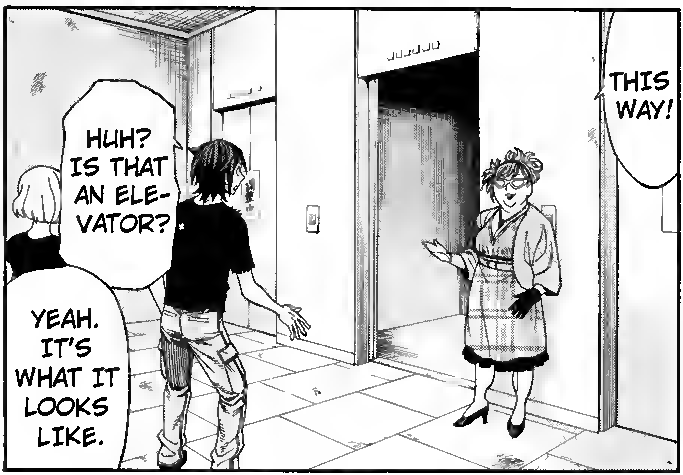
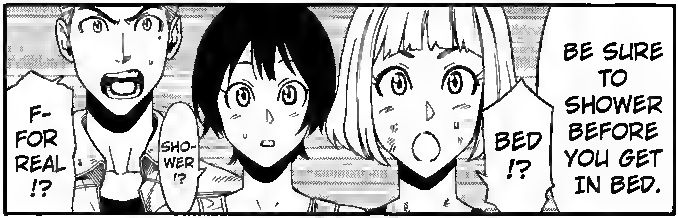
H-HELLO...
WOW! NEW FACES! GO ON IN!
BOW

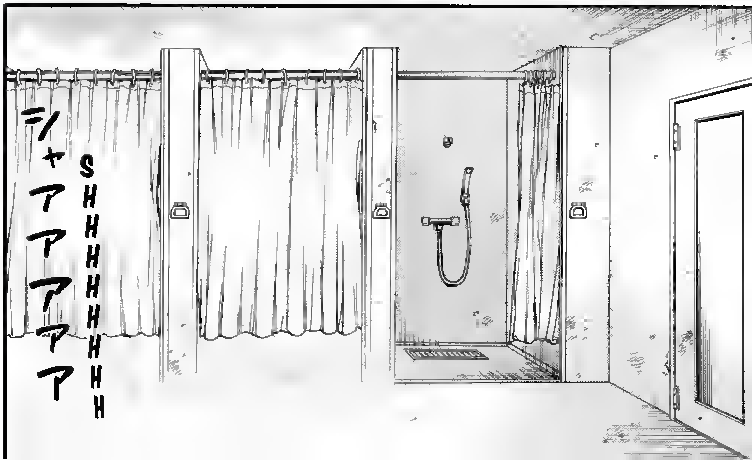

WE FINALLY MADE IT!
YES! LOOK AT THAT GUY'S WEAPON!


THIS WAY!
HUH? IS THAT AN ELE-VATOR?
YEAH. IT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

BUT HOW DOES IT MOVE?
ゴオオオオオオ
VRRRRNNNN
ELEC-TRI-CITY.
THERE ARE SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF.
THE PLANTS GROW OVER THEM, SO WE HAVE TO CUT THEM BACK EVERY DAY.
ELEC-TRI-CITY?
WHOA!
...
YOU SURE ARE A RAGGED BUNCH, THOUGH.

WHISH
ぴっ
WE'LL TALK SHOP IN THE MORNING.
GET SOME REST.
OH, YEAH.


BE SURE TO SHOWER BEFORE YOU GET IN BED.
BED !?
SHOWER !?
F-FOR REAL !?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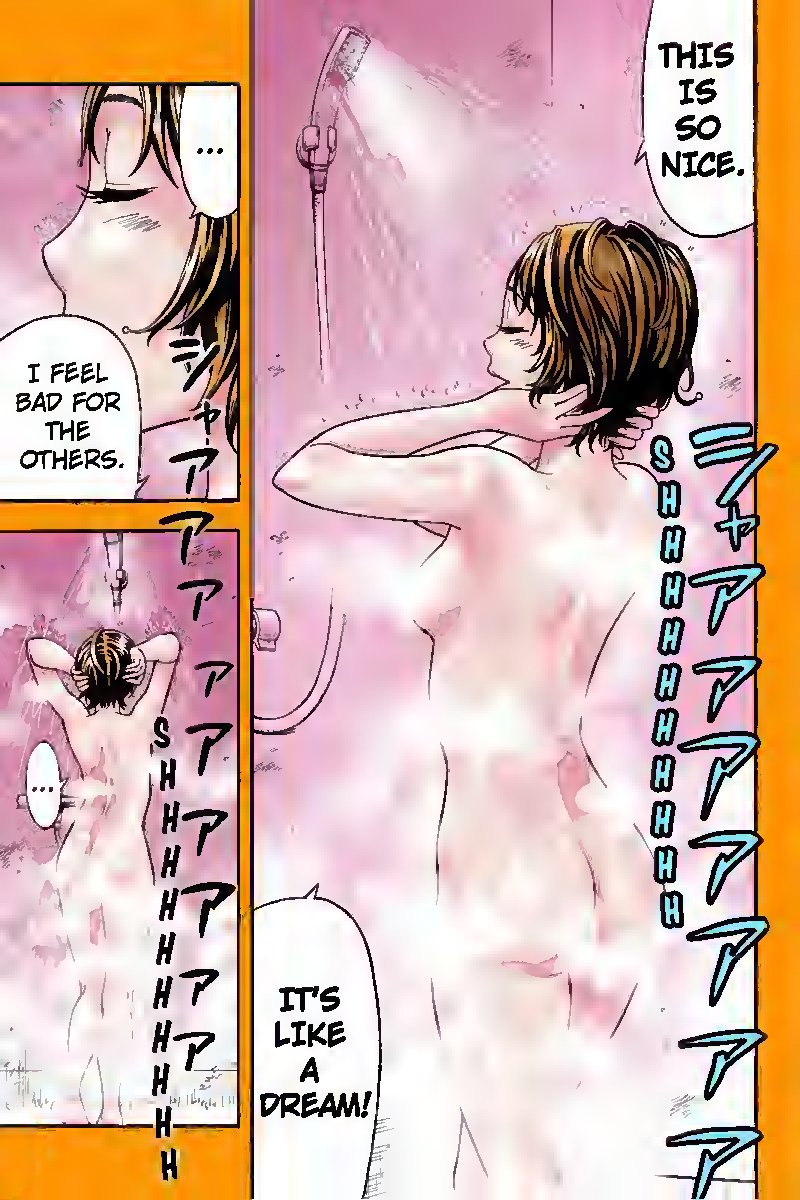
SHHHHHHHH


THIS IS SO NICE.
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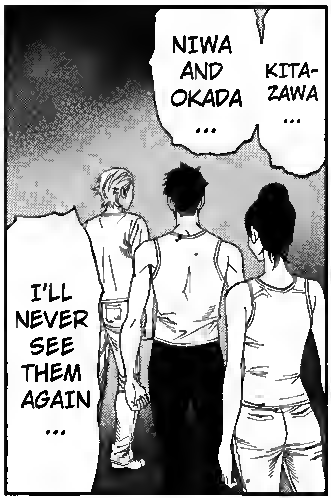
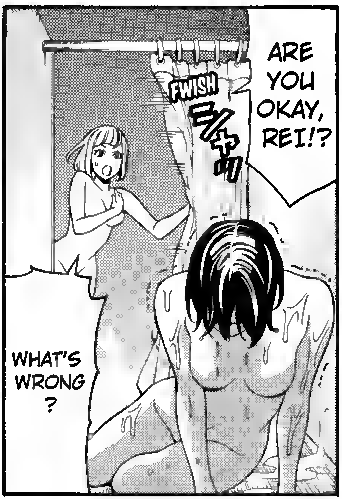
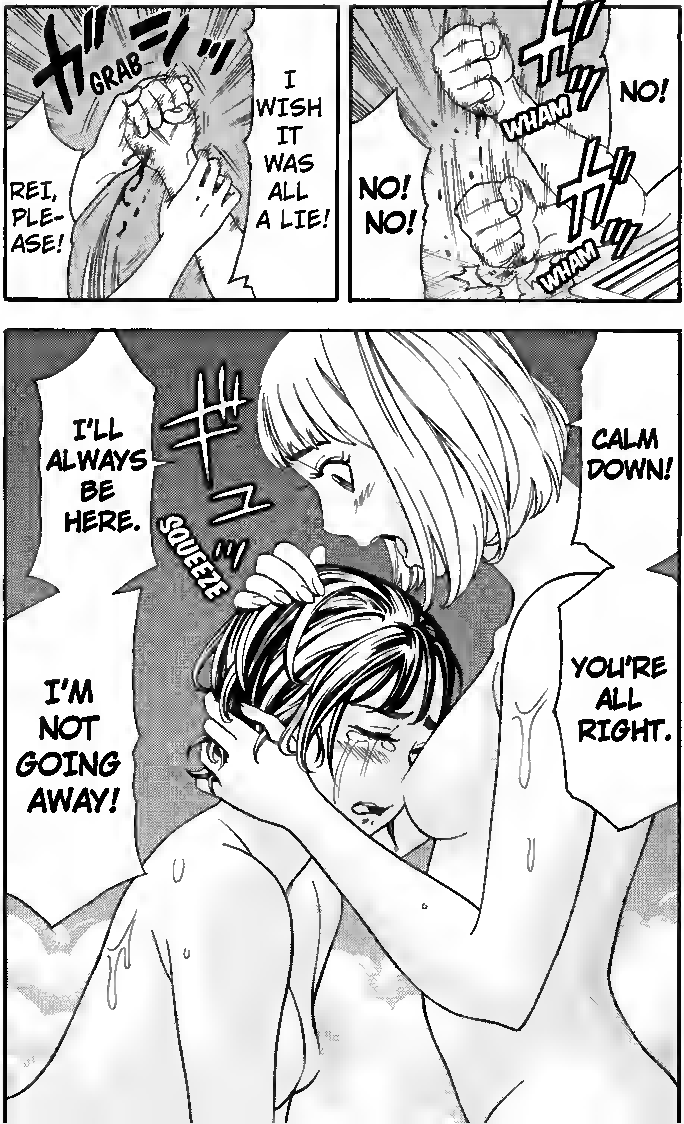
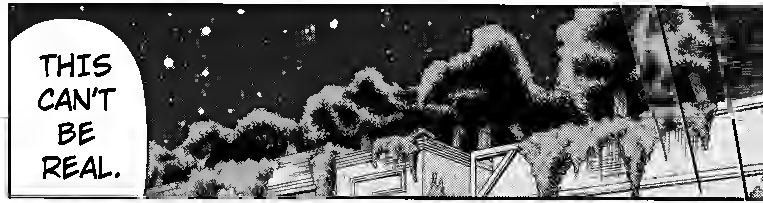
SOB WAH...
WAAA-AAAH!


NIWA AND OKADA ...
KITA-ZAWA ...
I'LL NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN ...


ARE YOU OKAY, REI!?
FWISH
WHAT'S WRONG ?

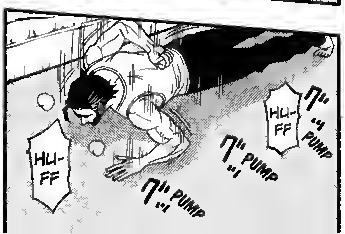

GRAB
I WISH IT WAS ALL A LIE!
REI, PLEASE!
WHAM
NO!
NO! NO!
WHAM
CALM DOWN!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
SQUEEZE
I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE.
I'M NOT GOING AWAY!

...NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.
THAT'S RIGHT. I WILL SURVIVE ...


THIS CAN'T BE REAL.

AHH ...
TO THINK I'M USED TO THE GROUND, NOW.

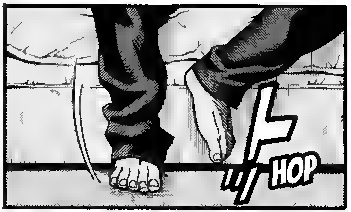
SLEEP-ING IN A REAL BED...
HA HA!
POOF


HU-FF
PUMP
PUMP
HU-FF
PUMP

...
I CAN'T SLEEP.
I CLOSE MY EYES AND DRIFT...
...AND JUST WHEN I THINK I'M ASLEEP...

HU-FF
AH!
PU-FF
THAT'S THE THIRD TIME TONIGHT.
SPRING
GRAA-AAAH!
...THE THREE OF THEM JUST STARE AT ME.
THEY ALWAYS APPEAR ...
... BUT I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT TO SAY.
THEIR MOUTHS DON'T MOVE ...

I KNOW.
AND IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY ...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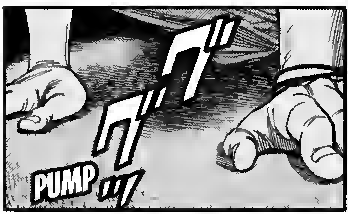
PUMP

YOU DON'T DESERVE EVEN A MOMENT'S PEACE.

...AND PASS OUT, EVEN YOU GUYS WON'T WAKE ME.
PUMP
IF I WORK MYSELF TO THE VERY LIMIT ...
PUMP
PUMP
IT'S A BATTLE OF WILL!
WE'LL DO THIS ...
... EVERY DAY UNTIL YOU LEAVE ME ALONE!
PUMP
PUMP
PUMP
PUMP
PUMP

...BUT I'M GONNA FIND YOU AND SHOW YOU MY LOVE!

SHOOOOOO
I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE.

THE WORLD'S A BIG PLACE ...

BREAK ROOM
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO SLEEP?
...
15
KNOCK
KNOCK
AKI-RAAA! COME HANG OUT!
15
IF YOU'RE DOING ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO SEE, I SUGGEST YOU STOP BEFORE I DO.
I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO LIVE THROUGH WHAT I DID, AFTER ALL.
LISTEN UP! I'M GONNA COUNT TO TEN AND OPEN THIS DOOR!
CLICK
TEN!
ONE... TWO... THREE... FOUR... FIVE...
SIX... SEVEN... EIGHT... NINE...

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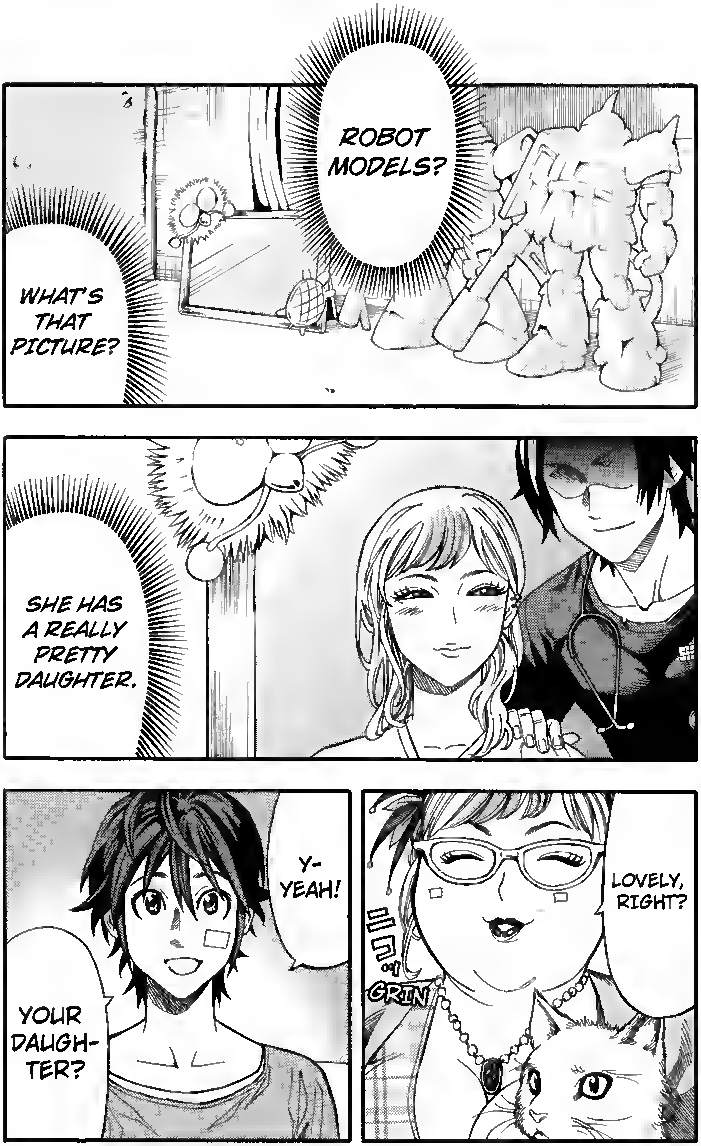
?!
WHAT IN THE...?
HEY! ARE YOU OKAY!?
GRAB
HUH? IS THAT YOU, SHI-BATA?
TELL ME WHAT HAP-PENED!

STAB
AKI-RA!
I'M FINE. JUST A BIT SORE.
A BIT SO-RE?
...
I WORKED OUT TOO HARD AND FELL ASLEEP.
URGH!
STEP
STEP
SHIRA-TORI WANTS YOU.
EVERYONE ELSE IS DONE, SO IT'S YOUR TURN.
YOU AL-MOST GAVE ME A HEART ATTACK!
WHAP
WHOA!
THUD
?
STAB
STAB

HISSSSSS!

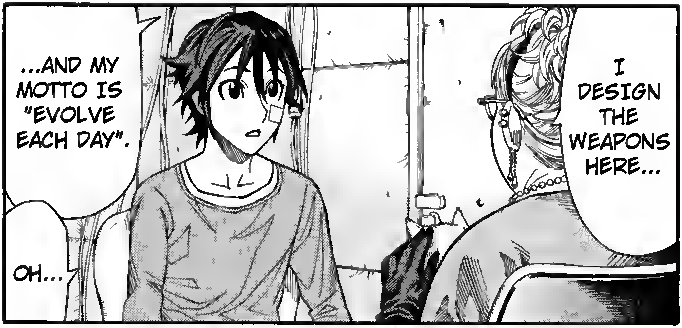
...
OH, THERE'S MY WIDDLE BABY!

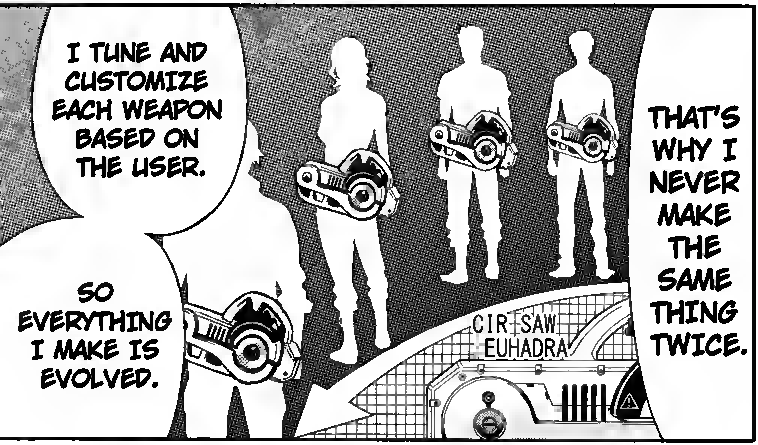
HOW STRANGE. YOU'RE USUALLY SO FRIENDLY.
WIDDLE BABY...
WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF THAT BOY?
MOMMA'S LITTLE DARLING.
COULD IT BE HIS KIND FACE...
STARE
...HIDES A DARK SECRET OF SOME KIND?
NO SECRETS HERE
HA HA! KIDDING! HAVE A SEAT.
YOU'RE CUTE WHEN YOU'RE SCARED
THA-NKS.
GLANCE

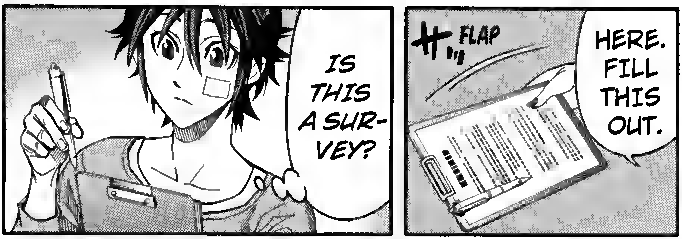

ROBOT MODELS?
WHAT'S THAT PICTURE?
SHE HAS A REALLY PRETTY DAUGHTER.
Y-YEAH!
YOUR DAUGHTER?
LOVELY, RIGHT?
GRIN

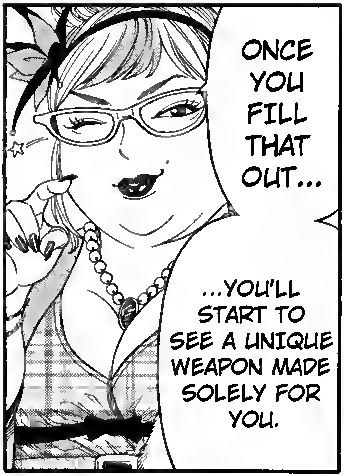
WHAT!? YOU SHOULD GET YOUR EYES CHECKED!
THAT'S ME! ME!
SEE? THE SAME, RIGHT?
WHAA? NOT AT ALL!
SHOCK
I TOOK THAT PICTURE WITH THE HANDSOME DOCTOR...
...THAT SAVED ME WHEN I LOST MY LEFT HAND TO THE PLANTS THAT FATEFUL DAY.
...I MAY HAVE PUT ON A LITTLE WEIGHT OVER THE WEEKS...

YOU LOST YOUR HAND?
YEP.
THIS ONE'S PROSTHETIC.
IT'S OUR WORK AS WELL.
LOVELY, RIGHT?
THIS LADY SURE HAS A LOT OF SPIRIT...
I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF.
I'M KASUMI SHIRATORI.
THIS IS MATSUNAGA.
MEOW


I DESIGN THE WEAPONS HERE...
...AND MY MOTTO IS "EVOLVE EACH DAY".
OH...

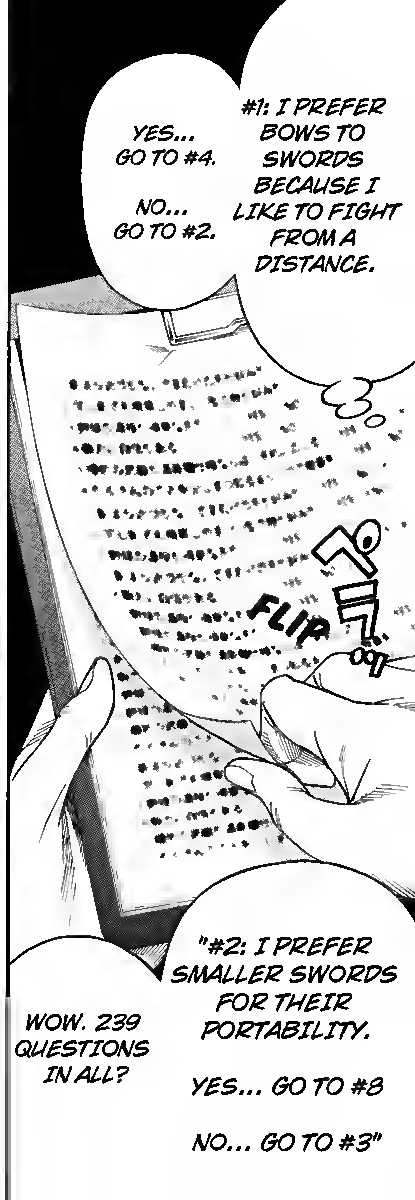

THAT'S WHY I NEVER MAKE THE SAME THING TWICE.
I TUNE AND CUSTOMIZE EACH WEAPON BASED ON THE USER.
SO EVERYTHING I MAKE IS EVOLVED.
CIR SAW
EUHADRA

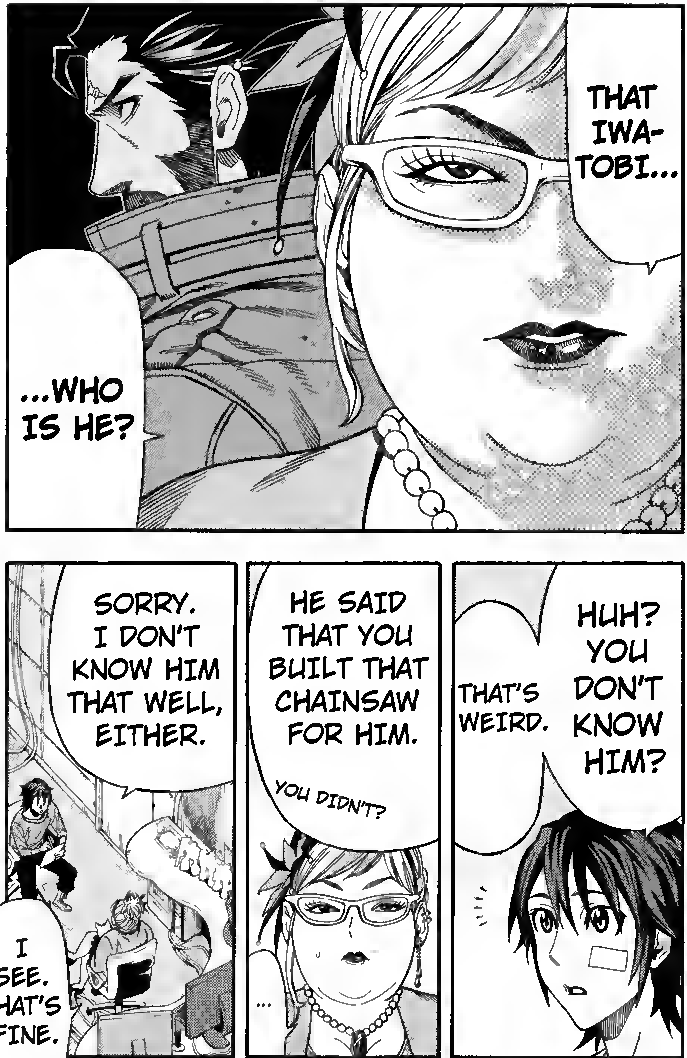

IS THIS A SURVEY?
FLAP
HERE. FILL THIS OUT.


ONCE YOU FILL THAT OUT...
...YOU'LL START TO SEE A UNIQUE WEAPON MADE SOLELY FOR YOU.

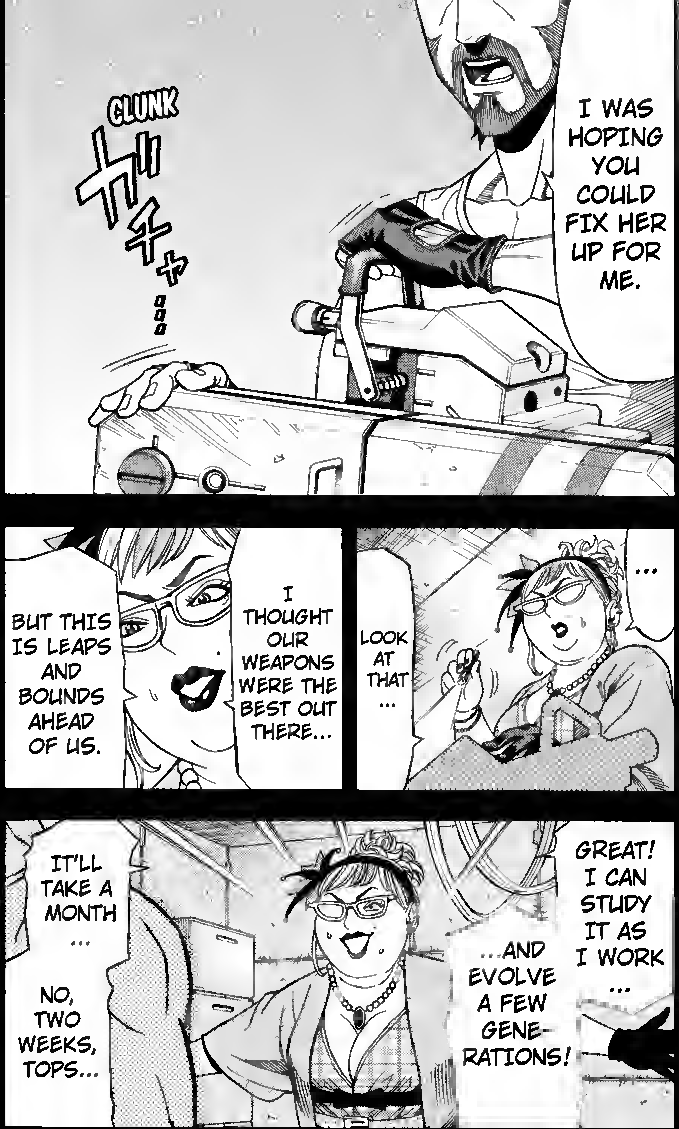
...JUST FOR ME!
AN IDEAL WEAPON...
NOD

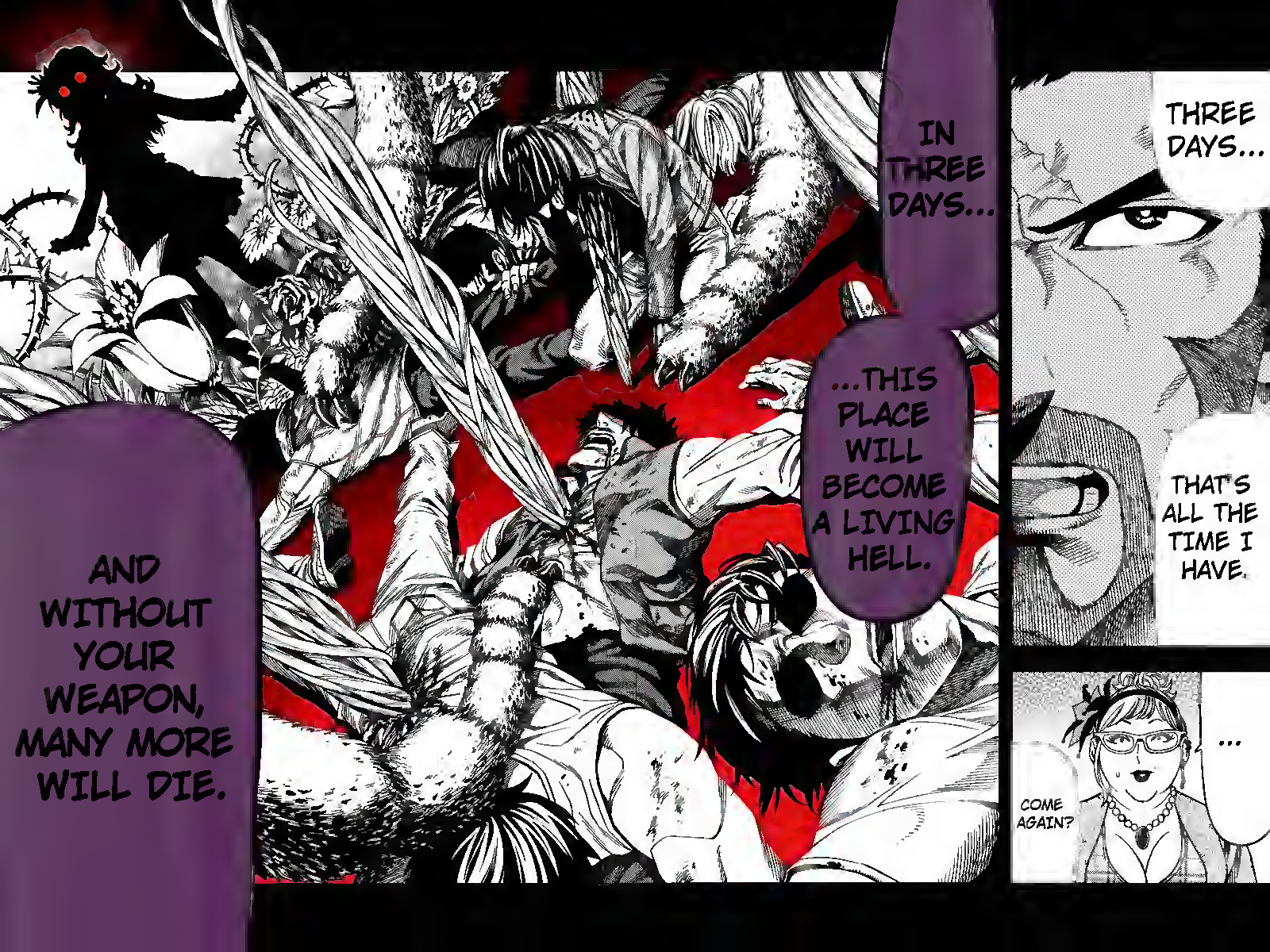
?
OH, I DID HAVE ONE QUESTION.


#1: I PREFER BOWS TO SWORDS BECAUSE I LIKE TO FIGHT FROM A DISTANCE.
YES... GO TO #4.
NO... GO TO #2.
FLIP
WOW. 239 QUESTIONS IN ALL?
"#2: I PREFER SMALLER SWORDS FOR THEIR PORTABILITY.
YES... GO TO #8
NO... GO TO #3"

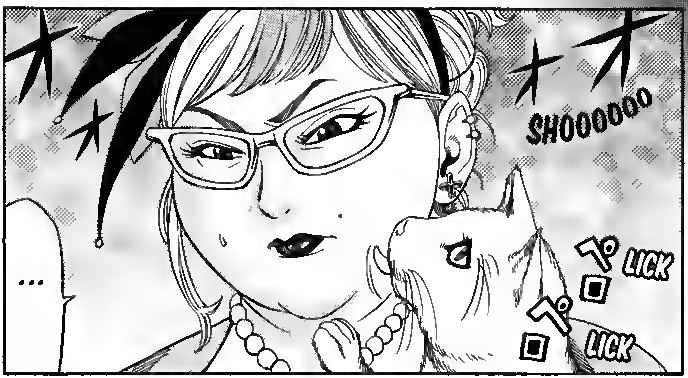

THAT IWA-TOBI...
...WHO IS HE?
HUH? YOU DON'T KNOW HIM?
THAT'S WEIRD.
HE SAID THAT YOU BUILT THAT CHAINSAW FOR HIM.
YOU DIDN'T?
...
SORRY. I DON'T KNOW HIM THAT WELL, EITHER.
I SEE. THAT'S FINE.

ALL DONE! HERE YOU ARE.
GOT IT!
FLAP
IT'LL TAKE A FEW DAYS TO BUILD IT.
STAY HERE WHILE YOU WAIT.
REALLY? YOU'RE A HUGE HELP!
DON'T MEN-TION IT.
THE BUIL-DING... THOSE CLOTHES... WE JUST FOUND THEM ALL.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
KA-CHIK
OKAY!
...


CLUNK
ガチャ…
I WAS HOPING YOU COULD FIX HER UP FOR ME.
…
LOOK AT THAT…
I THOUGHT OUR WEAPONS WERE THE BEST OUT THERE…
BUT THIS IS LEAPS AND BOUNDS AHEAD OF US.
GREAT! I CAN STUDY IT AS I WORK…
…AND EVOLVE A FEW GENE-RATIONS!
IT'LL TAKE A MONTH…
NO, TWO WEEKS, TOPS…

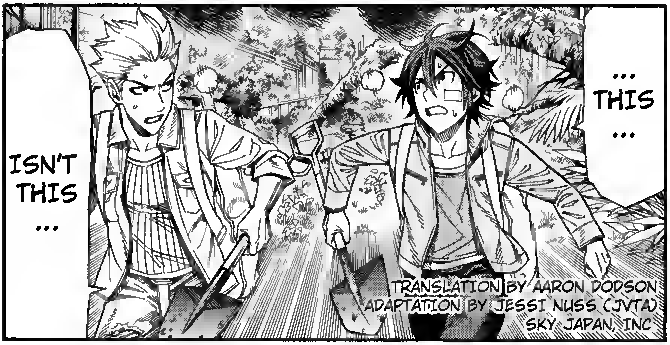

AND WITHOUT YOUR WEAPON, MANY MORE WILL DIE.
IN THREE DAYS...
...THIS PLACE WILL BECOME A LIVING HELL.
THREE DAYS...
THAT'S ALL THE TIME I HAVE.
...
COME AGAIN?

W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
AND EVEN I CAN'T WORK THAT FAST!
SO THIS THING ...
...IS TOO MUCH?
BUT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO BUILT IT.
WHAT-EVER IT USES...
...YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT.


SHOOOOOO
LICK
LICK
...

A WEAPON ...
REAL POWER!

... AT LAST ...
IT'LL BE MINE.
STEP
STEP



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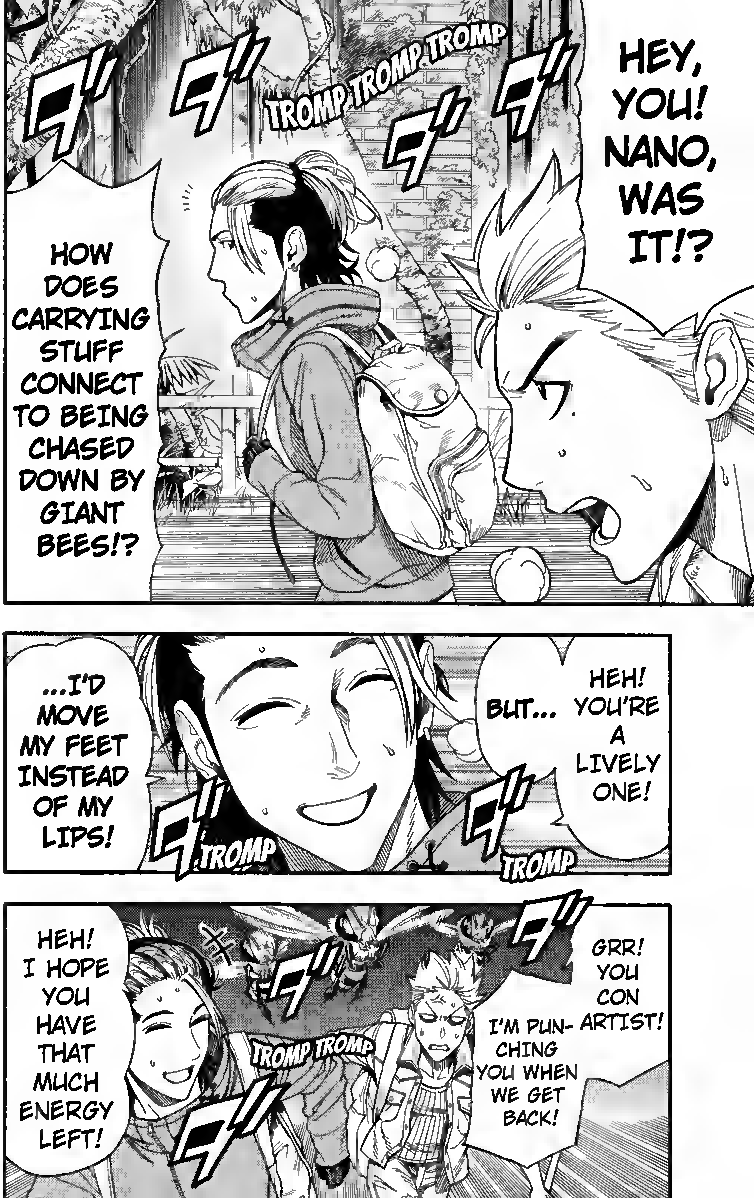
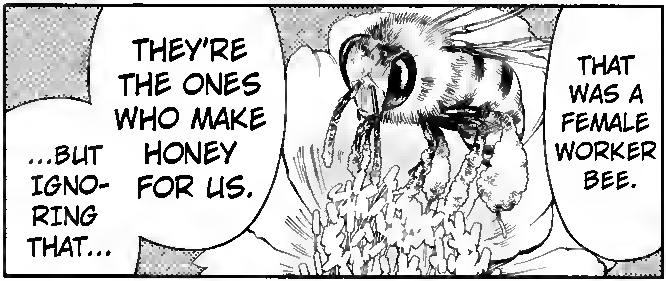
... MORE THAN THEY ASKED FOR!?
AAA-AAH!
TROMP TROMP TROMP
TROMP TROMP TROMP
... JUST A LITTLE BIT...

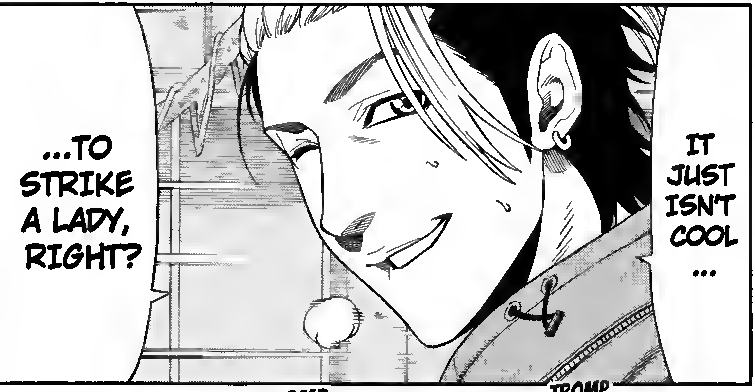

TROMP TROMP TROMP
HEY, YOU! NANO, WAS IT!?
HOW DOES CARRYING STUFF CONNECT TO BEING CHASED DOWN BY GIANT BEES!?
HEH! YOU'RE A LIVELY ONE!
BUT...
...I'D MOVE MY FEET INSTEAD OF MY LIPS!
TROMP
TROMP
GRR! YOU CON ARTIST!
I'M PUN-CHING YOU WHEN WE GET BACK!
HEH! I HOPE YOU HAVE THAT MUCH ENERGY LEFT!
TROMP TROMP

!?
SNAG
GAH!
HOLD IT! DON'T ATTACK!
!?
AKI-RA!
WH-
RRAA-GH!
BOOM

CRUNCH
SPRING
VOOOSH
SKID

WH-EW!
THAT OLD MAN IS GOOD!
TROMP
TROMP
WHY DID YOU STOP ME? MY FRIEND WAS ABOUT TO BE...
THE THING IS...


THAT WAS A FEMALE WORKER BEE.
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO MAKE HONEY FOR US.
...BUT IGNO-RING THAT...


IT JUST ISN'T COOL ...
...TO STRIKE A LADY, RIGHT?

TROMP
TROMP
!
L-LOOK AHEAD!
ARE YOU EVEN LISTEN-ING?
JUST LOOK AHEAD!
?

NANO!
VOOOM
YI-KES...
RRRIP
HU-FF
HU-FF
BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF THEM!
SAVE ME! NOW!

HRAH!
CLONG
C'MON! GET UP!
WHAH! THANKS!
THAT WAS CLOSE!

TROMP
TROMP
I THOUGHT IT WASN'T COOL TO STRIKE A LADY.
YEAH!
HA HA HA! I'D RATHER BE ALIVE THAN COOL ANY DAY!
...
BUZZZ
ヨロ..
BESIDES, THAT WAS A MALE.
IT WAS BIGGER THAN THE OTHERS, RIGHT?
MALE BEES ARE WORTHLESS LOUTS THAT JUST LIVE ON HANDOUTS FROM HARDWORKING LADIES!
THEY DESERVE A GOOD WHACK!

PA-NT
PA-NT
PANT
THAT'S THE LAST TIME I "CARRY STUFF".
I'M BEAT!
WE JUST GRABBED SOME HONEY FROM THEIR HIVE.
THAT COUNTS, RIGHT?
YOU SURE ARE A TALKER ...

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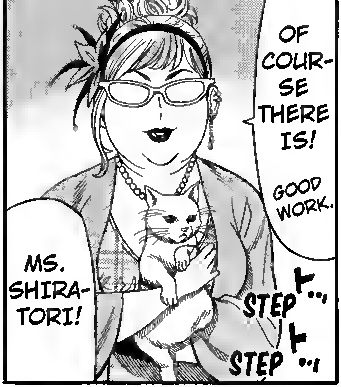

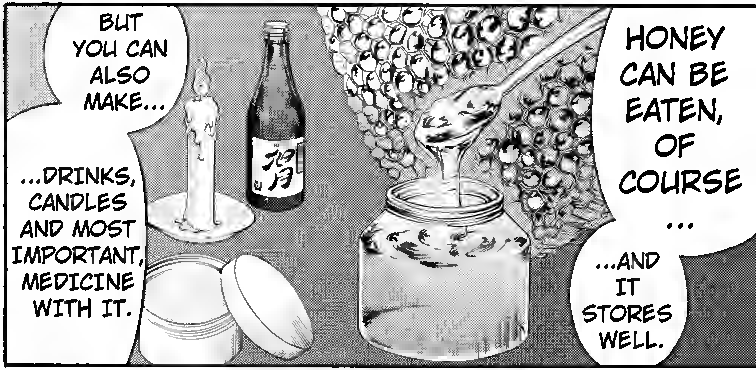

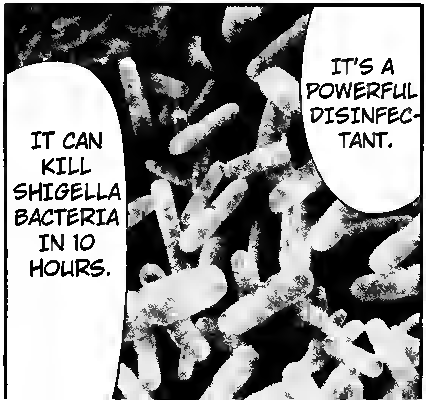

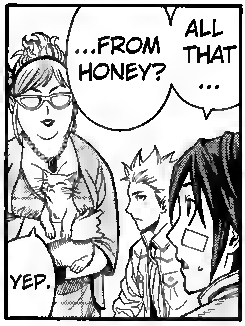

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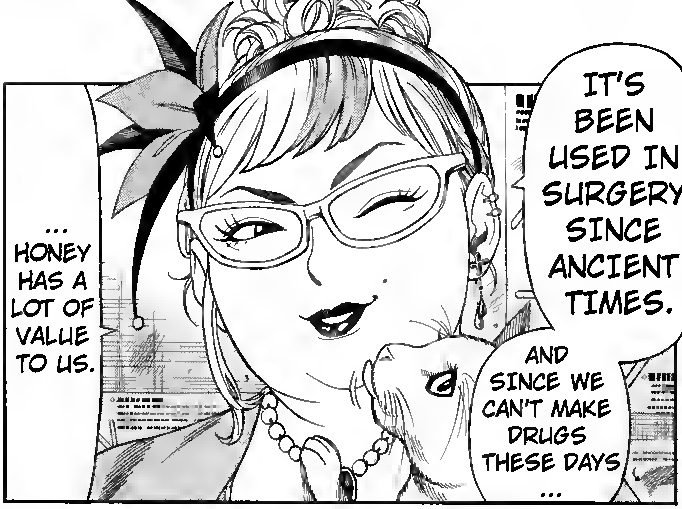

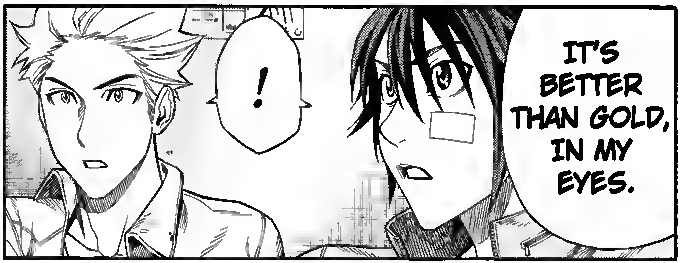

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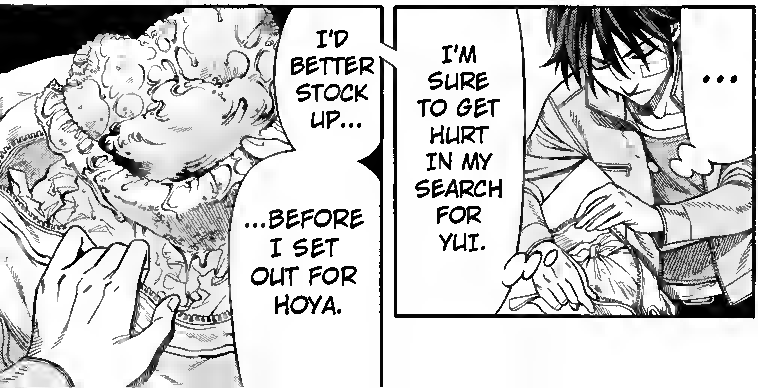
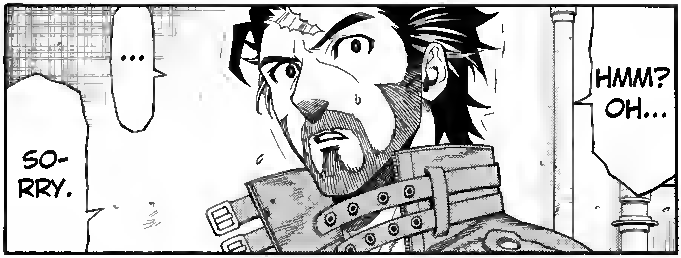
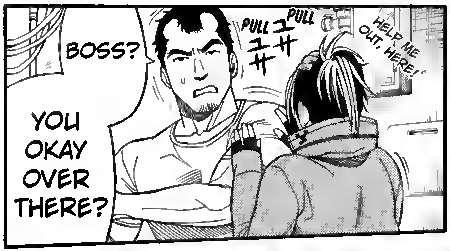
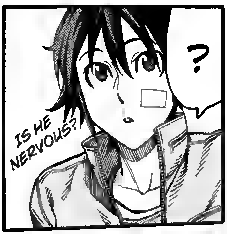


I'LL USE EVERY-THING IN MY POWER! I HAVE TO GET READY.
YOU'RE GOING TO GO ALONE.
THEY'RE HELPING TO CLEAR THE SOLAR PANELS.
BY THE WAY, WHERE ARE REI AND THE OTHERS?
BOSS, SHUT THIS GUY UP!
GIVE IT A REST!
COME ON! なぁー 頼むよぉ
PRETTY PLEASE!?
PLEASE! いいだろー
HUH? THERE ARE GIRLS? HOW OLD ARE THEY?
INTRODUCE ME!

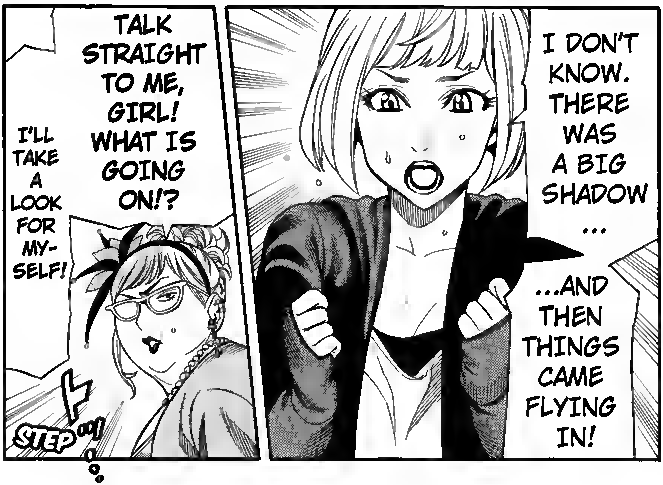

...
SO-
RRY.
HMM?
OH...


BOSS?
YOU OKAY OVER THERE?
PULL
ユサ
PULL
ユサ
HELP ME OUT, HERE!


?
IS HE NERVOUS?

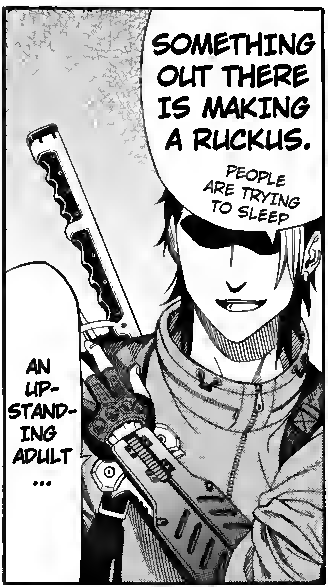
BOOOOOM
RUMBLE
ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
WHOA!
WH-
WHAT
IN
THE...?

!
WHAT IS IT?
BAD NEWS! THERE'S SOMETHING OUTSIDE!


I'LL TAKE A LOOK FOR MYSELF!
TALK STRAIGHT TO ME, GIRL! WHAT IS GOING ON!?
I DON'T KNOW. THERE WAS A BIG SHADOW ...
...AND THEN THINGS CAME FLYING IN!
SLEEP

NO!
THERE WERE TWO OR THREE OF THEM!
IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!
!
G-RR!
WH-AT COU-LD IT BE?
SHOOM
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
W-WHAT WAS THAT? WE HAVE TO DO SOME-THING!
IT'LL DESTROY THE WHOLE BUILDING!

WHAT WILL YOU DO?
NA-NO?


SOMETHING OUT THERE IS MAKING A RUCKUS.
PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO SLEEP
AN UP-STAND-ING ADULT ...

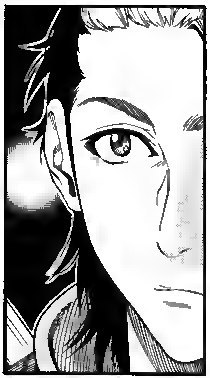
FINE. LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO.
!
STAND

...HAS TO MAKE THEM STOP.
WHA!? YOU'RE GOING ALONE!?
STOP HIM! HE'S JUST TRYING TO SHOW OFF FOR THE GIRLS!
HUH!?
TAKE CARE.
STEP
STEP
YOU KNOW I WILL.
HEY! IS THIS OKAY, IWATOBI?
...

BOOM
SHOOF
NOW IT'LL GET ALL DRAFTY.
HMPH.
STEP
STEP
CRUNCH

THIS IS A PROB-LEM.
BOOM
BO-BOOM
SHOOF

トン
STEP
トン
STEP
NA-
NO!



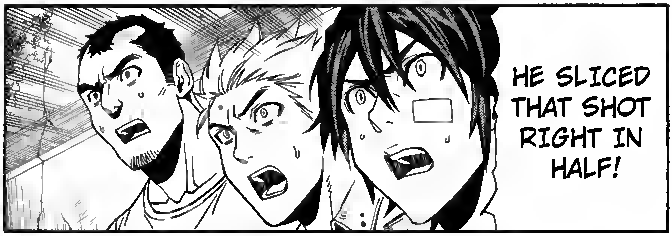
!

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

LOOK OUT!
SWOOOOF

KA-
SHOOOM
CRACK

NOW I'M MAD.
!



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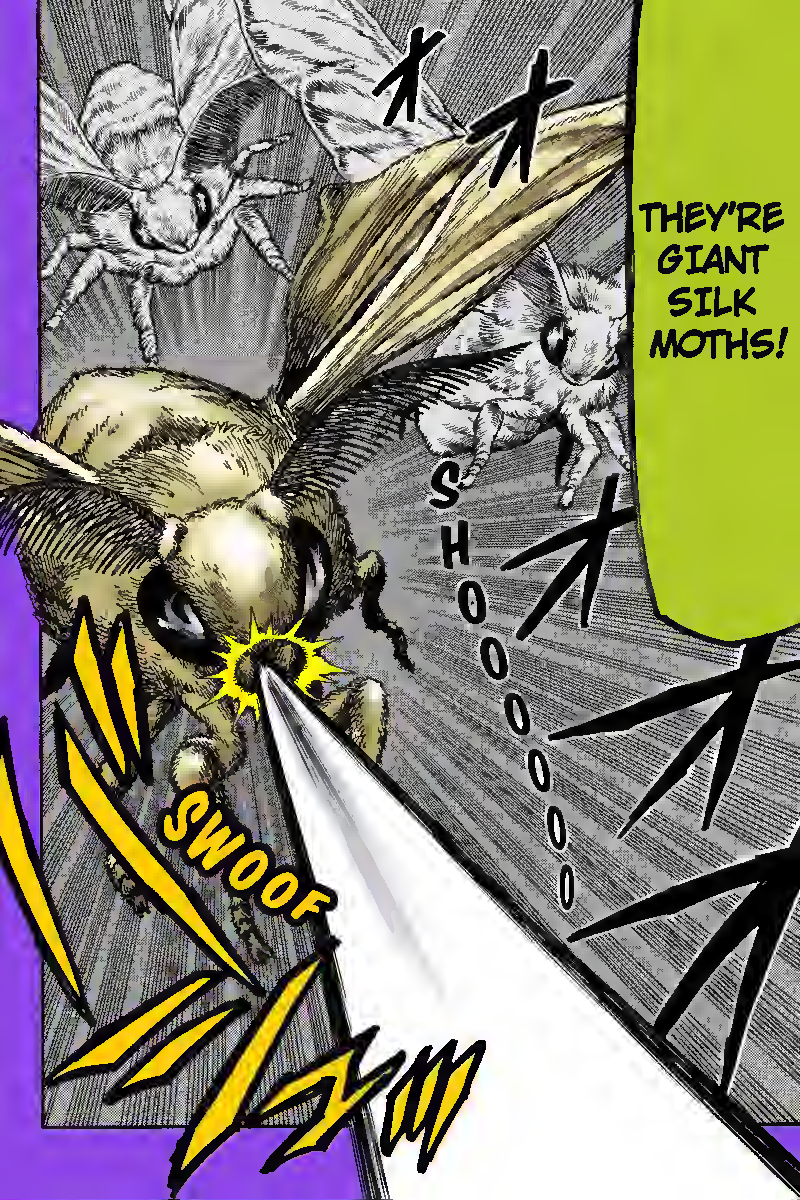

THEY'RE GIANT SILK MOTHS!
SHOOOOOOO
SWOOF

VOOSH
THEY'RE ALL FIRING AT HIM!
SWOOF
SWOOF
HE'LL BE HIT!
HE CAN'T DODGE THEM ALL!
CRASH

THE HARDER THEY ARE TO HIT...
FWISH
...THE BETTER IT FEELS WHEN YOU CONNECT!
CRACK

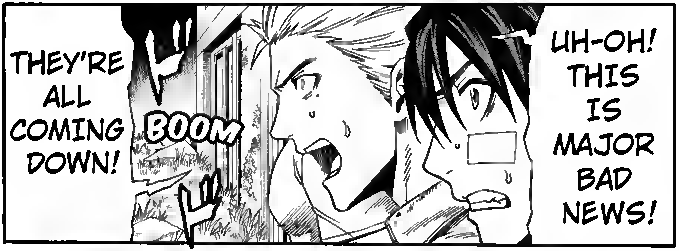
WHOOSH
"TI" "BO" "TI" "BOOM"
WOW!
!
AKIRA, WATCH AND LEARN.
HUH?

WHEW! CLOSE SHAVE!
SHHOOOOO
THAT BOY IS MY ...
FOR-GET IT.
O-OKAY!
YOU NEED WHAT HE HAS.
THAT DOESN'T MATTER. JUST WATCH HIM.
NEXT TIME, I'LL CUT ONE DOWN AS IT PASSES.
SIGH
RIGHT. TIME TO STOP JUST DODGING AROUND.

NOW! IT'S LOW AND INSIDE ...
SWOOF
I CAN JUKE IT AND THEN...
ZWOOP
WHAT!? IT'S CURVING!

BOOM
UGH!
GRR!
SQUISH
GRAH!
SPLAT
IT DOESN'T MOVE FAST...
THAT WAS A NEW KIND OF SHOT!
...BUT IT'S STUCK HIM IN PLACE!
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
I FELL FOR IT!
THAT THING HAS A HECK OF A CHANGE-UP!
BOOM

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP


THEY'RE ALL COMING DOWN!
BOOM
UH-OH! THIS IS MAJOR BAD NEWS!

BOOM
THEY'RE GONNA FINISH HIM OFF!
NANO CAN'T MOVE!

AND WITHOUT HIM, WE WON'T LAST LONG, EITHER!
NO! NANO WILL DIE IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING!
ONE OF THEM DROPPED A WEA-PON!
!
I'VE GOT TO MOVE WHILE THEY'RE STILL DIS-TRACTED!
DASH!!

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GRRRRRN
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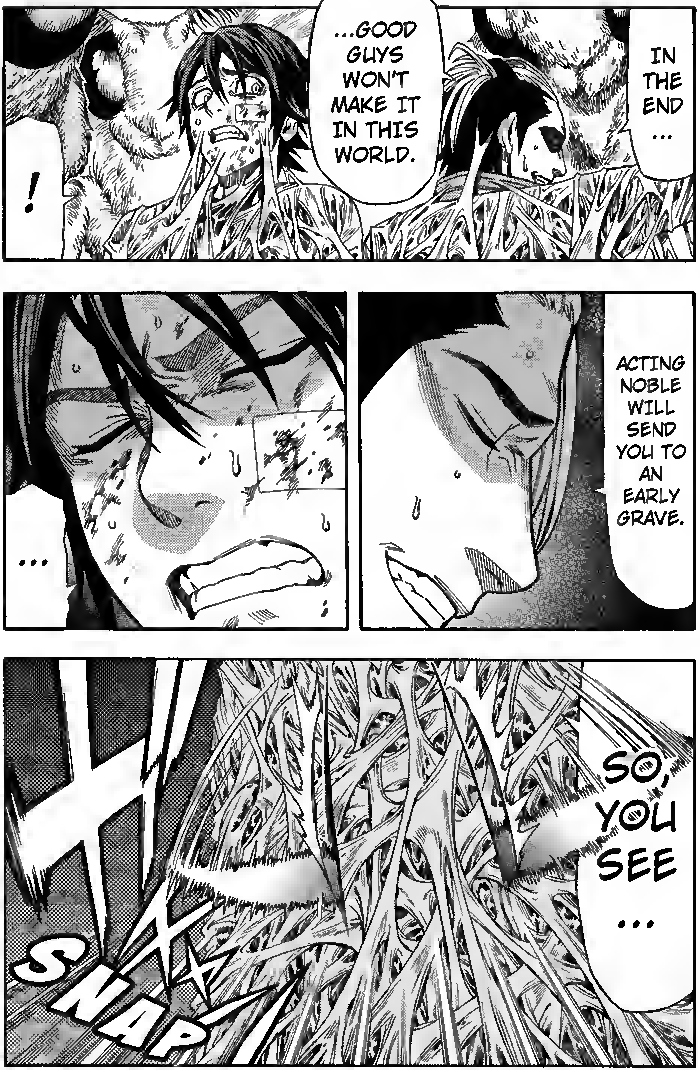
IT'S NOT WORKING!
WHISH
HUH ?

THE SNAIL IS ONLY FOR SELF-DEFENSE!
IT WASN'T MADE TO TAKE DOWN THINGS THAT BIG!
GET AW-AY!
SWOOF

SPLAT
URGH ... CAN'T ... MOVE!
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
PANT
PANT
PANT
SLURP

THIS IS THE END...
THIS ...
PANT
PANT
PANT
GLANCE
NO! I DON'T WANNA DIE!
THAT'S HOW I'M GONNA END UP!


IN THE END ...
...GOOD GUYS WON'T MAKE IT IN THIS WORLD.
!
ACTING NOBLE WILL SEND YOU TO AN EARLY GRAVE.
...
SO, YOU SEE ...
SNAP

...YOU GOTTA HAVE AN ACE UP YOUR SLEEVE!
RRRIP
!?
RRIP
VRRRRRN
NOW DUCK, AKIRA!

IF YOU WANNA STAY ALIVE...
ドチャ
WHUMP
ドチャ
WHUMP
...YOU NEED TO FIGHT AS DIRTY AS I DO.